

16. (Amended) [An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 15 wherein] An intravenous infusion equipment hanger assembly comprising:

at least one mounting member that includes a flat mounting portion adapted for attachment to a partition that defines housing space for a patient and has a generally vertical planar surface,

means for attaching said flat mounting portion to such a partition with said flat mounting portion disposed in a generally vertical position parallel to and adjacent such vertical planar surface of such a partition when so attached,

a hanger which includes an elongate pole for supporting an intravenous infusion device, and

at least one offset support engaging and extending laterally from said pole and joined to and extending laterally from said mounting member and supporting said hanger generally parallel to said flat mounting portion with said pole in a generally vertical position generally parallel to said flat mounting portion and spaced laterally from said flat mounting portion and from the respective partition surface to accommodate convenient mounting, use and removal of intravenous infusion equipment on said pole by a caregiver person when said mounting member is so attached to such a partition by said attaching means,

wherein said offset support includes a flange leg disposed generally parallel to said flat mounting portion, and

said mounting member defines at least one mounting pocket for receiving said flange leg and thereby supporting said hanger on said mounting member.

18. (Thrice Amended) [An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 1 which includes] An intravenous infusion equipment hanger assembly comprising:

at least one mounting member that includes a flat mounting portion adapted for attachment to a partition that defines housing space for a patient and has a generally vertical planar surface,

means for attaching said flat mounting portion to such a partition with said flat mounting portion disposed in a generally vertical position parallel to and adjacent such vertical planar surface of such a partition when so attached,

a hanger which includes an elongate pole for supporting an intravenous infusion device, and

a plurality of [said] offset supports[,] engaging and extending laterally from said pole and joined to and extending laterally from said mounting member and supporting said hanger generally parallel to said flat mounting portion with said pole in a generally vertical position generally parallel to said flat mounting portion and spaced laterally from said flat mounting portion and from the respective partition surface to accommodate convenient mounting, use and removal of intravenous infusion equipment on said pole by a caregiver person when said mounting member is so attached to such a partition by said means,

each of said offset supports including a mounting flange leg at its distal end and which is disposed generally parallel to such vertical planar surface of such a partition to which said hanger assembly is attached.

22. (Amended) [An intravenous equipment hanger assembly as in claim 1]
An intravenous infusion equipment hanger assembly comprising:

at least one mounting member that includes a flat mounting portion adapted for attachment to a partition that defines housing space for a patient and has a generally vertical planar surface,

means for attaching said flat mounting portion to such a partition with said flat mounting portion disposed in a generally vertical position parallel to and adjacent such vertical planar surface of such a partition when so attached,

a hanger which includes an elongate pole for supporting an intravenous infusion device, said pole [includes] including multiple telescopically engaged sections and means for securing said sections in selected positions of extension of one of said sections relative to another of said sections, and

at least one offset support engaging and extending laterally from said pole and joined to and extending laterally from said mounting member and supporting said hanger generally parallel to said flat mounting portion with said pole in a generally vertical position generally parallel to said flat mounting portion and spaced laterally from said flat mounting portion and from the respective partition surface to accommodate convenient

In re Appln. of Breda et al.
Application No. 09/238,950

mounting, use and removal of intravenous infusion equipment on said pole by a caregiver person when said mounting member is so attached to such a partition by said attaching means.

In claim 31 (Amended), line 13, delete "flat".

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please revise the drawings by repeating the numbers 64 and 66, with lead lines, on Figs. 10-12, as indicated on the attached print of the respective sheet of the drawings.

REMARKS

The time and consideration extended by Examiner Wood during a telephone conference on July 20, 2000 are appreciated. Various matters discussed during that conference are indicated below.

1. *The Interview Summary*

The interview referred to in the summary that accompanied the subject Office Action occurred on May 1. At that time the Examiner indicated that the amended claims appeared to overcome the prior art of record, which included the Foley patent, 3,048,360. Accordingly, the various points of inapplicability of the Foley patent to applicants' claims were not discussed.

2. *The Objection To The Drawings*

The subject openings shown in original Figures 10, 11 and 12 are described on page 6 of the specification by relation to the illustrations of the same openings in the embodiments of Figures 6, 8 and 9; see, p. 6, ll. 6-7 and 14-17. The identifying numbers 64 and 66 will be added on Figures 10-12 as shown on the attached copy of Figures 10-12.